

SWCC Prioritization Committee  
Meeting Notes  
February 11, 2011

**Present:** Amber Kamps, Travis Belote, Tim Love, Rich Kehr, Jon Haufler, Gary Burnett, Megan Birzell

- I. Committee Structure
  - a. Given that the committee, which was formed on an ad hoc basis, appears to be more permanent, the members felt it would be beneficial to draft a charter that outlines the purpose(s) of the committee.
    - i. ACTION ITEM: Megan will draft a charter and circulate to the group.
  - b. After discussion about potential conflicts of interest, the group decided that Travis or Gary would be the best chair of the committee. Travis is unsure of his ability to give the attention necessary to the committee to be the chair.
    - i. RECOMMENDATION: The group recommends to the SWCC Executive Committee that Gary be the chair of the Prioritization Committee.
  
- II. Prioritization RFP
  - a. The group discussed a process for moving forward with the RFP that was approved at the full SWCC meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. ACTION ITEMS:
      1. Gary will advertise the RFP on February 14<sup>th</sup> and will have a deadline for submission of March 1<sup>st</sup>.
      2. Gary will disclose the amount of funds available for the contract and the 20% matching funds requirement in the RFP.
  
- III. Integrated Resource Protection Strategy (IRPS)
  - a. Amber provided the group with information about the USFS R1's IRPS to prioritize restoration at the regional level. The Region would like to use the SW Crown as a pilot to see whether the IRPS can be scaled down to smaller areas and whether and how it can be useful to collaborative groups.
  - b. The IRPS is a coarse filter screen that delineates resources according to 6<sup>th</sup> Code HUCs. The Prioritization Committee is interested in feeding finer scale information back into the IRPS.
  - c. ACTION ITEM: Amber will send around the full IRPS for the SW Crown once it's finished and will ask that all layers be made available publicly.
  
- IV. Prioritization of FY 2012 Projects

- a. All three districts have provided their lists of FY 2012 projects. The total CFLR ask is approximately \$3 million, but we could get up to \$4 million in funding.
  - i. RECOMMENDATIONS:
    - 1. The group recommends to the SWCC Executive Committee that, because funding levels for FY 2011 are still uncertain, it doesn't make sense to prioritize FY 2012 projects. We will keep all FY 2012 projects on the list and will determine whether we have more than \$4 million in CFLR fund requests for that year once we know the funding level for FY 2011.
    - 2. The group requests to the SWCC Executive Committee that we have a broader discussion (at the full SWCC level) about what leeway the rangers have to make decisions in short timeframes, particularly when dealing with year-end money, when there isn't time to get input from the full SWCC.
- b. ACTION ITEM: Megan will tie each FY 2012 project to the Outputs Table according to the project accomplishment code and will develop and distribute pie charts for FY 2012 and for FY 2010, 2011, and 2012 combined in order to enable the committee to better evaluate our progress relative to the Outputs Table.